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GROWTH OF PHARMA SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a considerable growth of pharmaceutical industry in the country during the last few years;

(b) if so, the growth rate of the industry along with the rate of increase in production and price of medicines during each of the last three years and the current year, separately;

(c) whether there has been increase in the production of medicines under scheduled and non-scheduled categories;

(d) if so, the rate of increase in both the cases, separately; and

(e) the extent to which our country is self-reliant and medicines are available at affordable prices to the common man?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. As per the Industry Outlook of Economic Intelligence Service of Centre for Monitoring of India Economy Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, the growth of the pharmaceutical industry in the country during the last three years is as under:

SI.No.	Year	Percentage Growth (against last year)
1	2011-2012	15.93
2	2012-2013	9.94
3	2013-2014	12.16

The medicines of dosages and strengths as specified under National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM)-2011 have been brought under price control and the medicines not listed under NLEM-2011 are under monitoring and no manufacturer can increase the maximum retail price of a drug more than ten percent of maximum retail price during preceding twelve months.

(c) and (d): The details breakup with respect to scheduled and non-scheduled drugs are not available with the Department of Pharmaceuticals.

(e): The country is almost self-sufficient in the production of formulations/medicines.